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FOLLOWING REPEAT LIBREVILLE 503 ACTION SECSTATE 25 APR 74

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E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: PFOR, EGEN, ETRD, US, GB, OAU

SUBJ: PRESIDENT BONGO'S DESIRE PURCHASE DC-8

FOR ASSISTANT SEC EASUM FROM AMBASSADOR

1. MINISTER OF STATE RAWIRI INFORMED ME CONFIDENTIALLY TODAY THAT SECGEN OAU NZO EKANGAKI HAD INFORMED GOG BY PHONE THAT OAU AGREEABLE TO SALE OF DC-8. NZO EKANGAKI WILL ARRIVE LIBREVILLE APRIL 27 ON CONFIDENTIAL REPEAT CONFIDENTIAL MISSION TO CONFIRM THIS AGREEMENT IN WRITING. RAWIRI SAID PRESIDENT BONGO HAD ASKED RAWIRI TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO ME IMMEDIATELY SO THAT I COULD ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND HELP EXPEDITE SALE.

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2. I THANKED RAWIRI FOR INFO BUT STRESSED THAT USG WOULD

NEED WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM OAU BEFORE BEING ABLE TO  
CONSIDER MATTER. RAWIRI SAID THAT NZO EKANGAKI SHOULD  
BE ABLE TO PROVIDE WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR USG WHEN HE  
CAME HERE THIS WEEKEND. RAWIRI STRESSED GREAT IMPORTANCE  
BONGO ATTACHES TO OBTAINING PLANE SOONEST.

3. LETTER FROM ME TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM GIVING  
ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON MY CONVERSATION WITH BONGO IN  
NEW YORK POUCHED APRIL 21 (REGISTRATION NO. 1377606)  
AND SHOULD ARRIVE WASHINGTON MORNING APRIL 26 BY DIPLOMATIC  
COURIER ROUTE 300.  
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